

September 28, 1999

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Lee, Messerlian, O'Donnell, Walker, and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

Agenda Item No. 16 was considered out of order at this time.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hardison announced that the City Council Agenda was posted on Thursday, September 23, 1999. Subsequent to the posting of the agenda, the City Manager received information that suggested the City may wish to intervene in a pending administrative proceeding or to initiate litigation.

The City Attorney's office asked that the City Council consider discussing this matter in closed session to provide advice to the City Manager and the City Attorney on how to proceed.

In order to take action on a matter that is not on the agenda, the California Government Code requires a determination by a two-thirds vote of the Council that immediate action is necessary and that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to add the addendum item to the Executive Session. Councilmember Cribbs seconded the motion and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

Mayor Hardison announced that the City Council would consider this item as part of tonight's Closed Session agenda, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) initiation of litigation.

At 5:32 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(c), 54957 and 54956.8, the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 7:09 p.m., the Council returned to open session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

Boy Scout Pack 1064, Den 7, Webelos; Den Leader, Sandra Gutierrez, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reverend Keith Inouye, Faith United Methodist Church, gave the invocation for the meeting.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS

City Manager Jackson withdrew Item 7h for consideration at a later time.

Mayor Hardison announced that additional and/or supplemental material for Items 7e, 7g, 7j, 7l, 11d, 11e were available at the rear of Council Chambers.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Herbers reminded everyone to register to vote by October 4, 1999; announced a League of Women Voters TUSD candidate forum and panel discussion on City of Torrance Charter Measure would be held on October 21, 1999 at Civic Center Library; and reminded everyone that under the Political Reform Act, candidates for public office are required to file a Notice of Intention. Full information is available by calling the City Clerk at (310) 618-2870.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RECOMMENDATION RE RESOLUTION 99-101

Recommendation to adopt Resolution 99-101 recognizing Harold Peace as the representative from the City of Torrance at the 1999 International Bus Rodeo.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-101

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE RECOGNIZING HAROLD PEACE AS THE
REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE AT
THE 1999 INTERNATIONAL BUS RODEO**

Mr. Peace thanked the City Council for their support and pledged to serve with honor as he represents the City of Torrance.

Transit Director Whittle introduced Elizabeth Bassar, Transit Supervisor, recognizing her for planning the Rodeo.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-101. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

6b. **RECOGNITION OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL (PIC)**

Recognition of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) for recently receiving the JETTCONN '99 Showcase Award by the Council for Excellence in Government for the Website and kiosk projects.

Representative for Mr. Bruce Kohl, TRW, described the projects and thanked the Council for their recognition.

Mayor Hardison and Councilmember Cribbs congratulated all PIC members involved in the projects.

6c. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW PUBLIC EDUCATION OFFICER**

Fire Chief Bongard introduced Mr. Tad Friedman as the new Public Education Officer for the Fire Department.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, and AUGUST 24, 1999**

7b. **INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT RE CITY OF LAWNSDALE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve an inter-agency agreement between the City of Torrance and the City of Lawndale in order to provide greater convenience and mobility for public transportation users.

7c. **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR AUGUST 1999**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the investment report for the month of August, 1999.

7d. **RECOMMENDATION RE AGREEMENT WITH BRYANT-PALMER-SOTO, INC.**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve an amendment to the professional services agreement with Bryant-Palmer-Soto, Inc. for an additional \$24,020 for the construction

management and inspection services for Amie Avenue Retention Basin Force Main project;

- 2) Authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$1,200; and
- 3) Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute and attest to said agreement for the construction management and inspection services for Amie Avenue Retention Basin Force Main project.

7e. **COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION RE TRANSIT FARETRANS EQUIPMENT**

Considered separately, see below.

7f. **BRINK'S FY 1999-01 CONTRACT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to an amendment to contract C99-128 with Brink's Incorporated for the processing of the Torrance Transit farebox revenue at a cost not to exceed \$82,400 for the period from October 1, 1999 to June 30, 2001.

7g. **RECOMMENDATION RE CONTRACT FOR TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL SERVICES**

Considered separately, see below.

7h. **APPROVAL RE CONTRACTURAL SERVICES WITH JOHN POWERS**

Withdrawn by City Manager Jackson.

7i. **COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION RE PERSONAL COMPUTERS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Information Systems Director that City Council authorize a purchase order to be issued for an anticipated not-to-exceed amount of \$520,000 for the purchase of new and replacement personal computers over a period of one year to SYS Technologies, Inc. of Cypress, California.

7j. **RECOMMENDATION RE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Considered separately, see below.

7k. **RECOMMENDATION RE DONATIONS TO TORRANCE LIBRARY**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council accept and appropriate the following donations submitted to the Torrance Library:

- 1) \$5,000 donation from Mobil Foundation, Inc.; and
- 2) \$500 donation from Redondo Eagles Auxiliary.

7l. **AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TWINING LABORATORIES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a contract with Twining Laboratories, for an amount not to exceed \$65,000, for inspection services for the construction of the Wilson Park Gymnasium.

MOTION: Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items a, b, c d, f, h, i, k and l as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

7e. **COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION RE TRANSIT FARETRANS EQUIPMENT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued for an anticipated amount not to exceed \$95,650 to Echelon Industries, Inc., Diamond Bar, CA, for the maintenance of the Torrance Transit Faretrans equipment from October 1, 1999, to September 30, 2000.

Transit Director Whittle related that the new system has worked well but has not generated new ridership. He further stated that since the card reader company has gone out of business, the Echelon Electronics Package is not only the Torrance staff recommendation, but the choice of other cities within the county. He added that the cost included maintenance which is always an expensive part of the agreement.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry as to how many patrons used the Cyber Key System, Transit Director Whittle related that never more than 200 people at any given time utilized this system.

In response to Councilmember Cribbs' concern with many of the new "leading edge" systems and the staff analysis of these systems, City Manager Jackson described the extensive process staff utilized in order to find alternative systems.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry of the possibility of a standard county-wide card, Transit Director Whittle indicated that the next card will be a standard county-wide card.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to authorize the purchase order as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

7g. **RECOMMENDATION RE CONTRACT FOR TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL SERVICES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council authorize a contract to be issued to West Coast Arborists, Anaheim, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 plus a 5% contingency of \$2,500 for a total of \$52,500 to provide annual tree trimming and removal services for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Park Services Administrator Wilson related that this was the second year in which an annual contract for tree trimming and removal services was awarded. He

indicated that last year Travers Tree Services was awarded the contract as the lowest bidder but this year the lowest bidder was West Coast Arborists.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry as to the percentage of tree trimming versus tree removal, Park Services Administrator Wilson commented that the greater percentage is for trimming and that the small percentage of removals was done on a case-by-case basis.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry as to whether the job was paid on an hourly basis or by the tree, Park Services Administrator Wilson related that the proposal price was obtained when requested and included a total price to complete the job.

Mr. Richard Travers, Travers Tree Services, pointed out that the West Coast Arborists bid was low on approximately \$4,000 but the contract did not stipulate how the remaining \$44,000 would be utilized.

Parks Services Administrator Wilson indicated that the process was the same as last year in which a scenario was set up utilizing Wilson Park as the example for bidding the job and the balance of designated funds is utilized on a proposal basis.

In response to Mr. Travers statement that West Coast was charging \$95.00 per hour for three workers and his price was \$118 for six workers, Park Services Administrator Wilson indicated that the bid was for the total price of the completed job and did not matter how many workers the company assigned to the task.

Councilmember Lee reiterated that the bid included completing the task to specification and that the amount of people on the job was not relevant to the total price.

In response to Councilmember Horwich's inquiry if both companies were given the same specifications, Park Services Administrator commented that everyone was given the same specifications.

In response to an inquiry from an unidentified member of the audience whether the companies indicated how many hours it was going to take to do this particular job at Wilson Park, Park Services Administrator stated that there was no discussion as to how long it would take to complete the job.

In response to Councilmember Walker's inquiry as to whether the \$95.00 per hour bid was predicated on three, five or six people, Mr. Dave Cooper, West Coast Arborists, stipulated that the bid provided is based upon an hourly rate and a three-man crew.

In response to Councilmember Walker's inquiry as to the process of awarding a contract, Park Services Administrator Wilson referenced the contract stipulations outlining the guidelines for all aspects of the agreement. He further commented that extensive reference checks were conducted on West Coast Arborists resulting in positive evaluations throughout Orange County and the South Bay area where many of their employees reside.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to authorize the contract with West Coast Arborists. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

7j. **RECOMMENDATION RE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director that City Council approve an agreement with Torrance Unified School District authorizing City forces to provide mowing services at Hickory School for a three-month trial period beginning October 1, 1999.

In response to Councilmember Cribbs' inquiry as to whether additional personnel were hired in order to mow the lawns at Hickory Elementary School, Park Services Administrator Wilson indicated that no additional personnel had been hired.

MOTION: Councilmember Cribbs moved to approve the agreement with the Torrance Unified School District. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

9. **PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

9a. **RESOLUTION RE INTENTION TO VACATE MADRONA AVENUE**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council adopt a **RESOLUTION** declaring its intention to vacate a portion of the east side of Madrona Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Opal Street and setting October 26, 1999 as the date for the hearing thereon.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-102

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO
VACATE A PORTION OF THE EAST SIDE OF
MADRONA AVENUE BETWEEN TORRANCE
BOULEVARD AND OPAL STREET IN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE
HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE
PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION**

MOTION: City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title for Resolution 99-102 and Councilmember Messerlian moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

11a. **ESTOPPEL AGREEMENT FOR MADISON PARK SHOPPING CENTER**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to an Estoppel Agreement for the property located on Pacific Coast Highway between Madison and Aero Way in the City of Torrance known as Madison Park.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to authorize the Estoppel Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11b. **CONSENT RE TOWN AND COUNTRY SHOPPING CENTER**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to the following:

- 1) Consent to the assignment and assumption of lease from T. R. Brell Torrance Corp., to Town and Country Investors, LLC.; and
- 2) Ground Lessor Estoppel Certificate.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to concur with staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11c. **RECOMMENDATION RE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council appropriate \$200,000 from the refunding of the Police and Fire Certificates of Participation (COP's) to complete improvements to the Civic Center parking lot.

City Manager Jackson pointed out that resurfacing and restriping the parking lot along with new curbs, lighting, walkways and landscaping will improve the circulation flow throughout the parking lot thus creating a safer environment.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry as to whether these changes will prevent individuals from cutting through the parking lot, City Manager Jackson related that the circulation flow would prevent cutting through the parking lot. City Manager Jackson further described the next steps involved with construction.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to appropriate the funding for the Civic Center parking lot. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11d. **CONSIDERATION OF ONE-TIME FUNDS**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager and the Finance Director that City Council provide policy direction for the fiscal 1998-99 carryover and the allocation of one-time funds received from State budget adoption process.

Assistant City Manager Giordano described the allocation and funding goal in reference to the Fiscal Year 1998-99 carryover funds.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry as to the amount of funding in capital projects for next year, Finance Director Tsao indicated that the total was an estimated \$4-5 million.

Mayor Hardison pointed out that in the past carryover was the only money available for projects and now there is a really aggressive projects list identified.

Assistant City Manager Giordano requested that Council identify the option they would like to consider these one-time source funds.

Mayor Hardison and Councilmembers Messerlian and Horwich concurred with beginning the consideration at First Quarter Review by the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee.

Councilmember Cribbs pointed out the need to make a commitment to develop funding goals for capital projects.

Mayor Hardison pointed out the need to have reserves in case of emergencies within the City.

Councilmember Lee stressed the importance of a rolling five-year capital and possibly designating funds into a sixth year for capital equipment. City Manager Jackson pointed out that the option to carry into the capital budget is available.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to direct staff to refer consideration at First Quarter Review by the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11e. **PUBLIC HEARING AND RECOMMENDATION RE RECYCLED WATER**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director and the Water Commission that City Council conduct a public hearing to receive public input on the City Engineer's recommendation to:

- 1) Accept the Reclaimed Water Pricing Structure Report of May 1997, prepared by MacDonald-Stephens Engineers;
- 2) Approve the Recycled Water Rate Structure and Incentive Program **RESOLUTION**; and
- 3) Approve an agreement with Torrance Unified School District for site access and reimbursement of construction costs to the City for on-site retrofits in accordance with the Incentive Program.

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time, place, and date for a Public Hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Project Manager John Dettle described the proposed Recycled Water Rate Structure and Incentive Program, which, if approved by Council, would become effective September 28, 1999.

Mayor Hardison pointed out that the City is the first outside agency to sell recycled water outside of Mobil Oil.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Horwich and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-103

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ESTABLISH RECYCLED WATER RATE STRUCTURE AND RECYCLED WATER USE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

MOTION: City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title for Resolution 99-103 and Councilmember Messerlian moved for its adoption and concurred with staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

12. HEARINGS

12a. PUBLIC HEARING RE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 15

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing;
- 2) Accept the Engineer's Report; and
- 3) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** establishing Underground Utility District No. 1

Mayor Hardison announced that this was the time, place, and date for a Public Hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Acting Transportation Planning Manager Sedadi indicated that 20 properties on Artesia Boulevard had a line going to a power pole. Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine related methods of underground service.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry as to what point in the process the homeowner or business needs to make their commitment, Mr. Scott Gobble, Edison representative, indicated that this would take place in one and one-half years.

Ms. Delores Long, 17228 Bose Avenue, inquired if the public utilities will pay for all of this underground wiring. She further pointed out that she felt that funding to beautify Artesia Boulevard was not necessary and should be spent on wiring for the homes which probably numbered closer to 40 or more. Ms. Long then read a petition with 48 signatures and submitted it to the Council.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry as to whether any of the signatures represented the homes on Artesia Boulevard, Ms. Long stated that they did not.

Mr. Clyde Reed, 17315 Haas Avenue, commented that he resided in the third parcel north of Artesia and asked where the 20 affected properties were situated. Mayor Hardison indicated that the 20 homes were on Artesia Boulevard, frontage only.

Mr. Dave Albert, ALS Industries, indicated that he was in favor of the underground wiring and the beautification of Artesia Boulevard but that the estimation of 37,000 cars per day on Artesia was not accurate.

Mr. John Pavlakos, 2909 Artesia Boulevard, reiterated that the 37,000 count was low, inquired if parking would be available during the construction of the project and after completion, and who would cover the cost of replacing the lawn in the parkway.

Mr. Dave Albert returned to the podium and offered his assistance in discussions with the City of Gardena for the section that was part of Gardena.

Ms. Lidia Wyatt, 17315 Casimir Avenue, inquired if any City funds could be allocated toward the wiring costs for residents on her street. City Manager Jackson indicated that if you were not a resident on Artesia Boulevard, it would not affect you.

Mr. Hugh Escalente, 4039 Artesia Boulevard, inquired if there were other advantages to the underground wiring other than beautification, such as safety issues.

Mr. John Pavlakos, 2909 Artesia Boulevard, pointed out that the telephone poles in front of his house actually protected him from drunk drivers who hit the pole instead of his home.

Mr. David Powell, 17316 Haas Avenue, stated that Edison has had problems with undergrounding in other locations and stressed the importance of looking at any flooding issues that might disrupt power.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

The Council recessed from 9:10 p.m. to 915 p.m.

Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine answered questions raised previously by stating that Edison sets aside \$75,000 annually per Public Utilities Commission requirements and that the City has borrowed on future increments in a recent MOU in the amount of \$2.3 to \$2.7 million. Additional funds for the project include \$5.4 million from the State of California given when the State relinquished the street to the City of Torrance for reconstruction of the street; \$3 million were received due to the efforts of former Congresswoman Harman from federal T21 funds with these funds being split between reconstruction and enhancements; and \$2 million in one time money set aside from a recent Mobil Oil franchise agreement. He further noted that enhancements would include work on sidewalks and decreasing the medians by four feet while increasing the parkways by two feet on each side of the street. He noted that both cable and phone companies are automatically required to underground their lines at the same time.

Mr. Sunshine noted that Underground Districts are traditionally set up so that the bulk of the costs of bringing service from the street to property of residents or businesses is absorbed by district itself.

In response to the inquiry of a left turn lane, Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine indicated this possibility will be explored.

In response to the inquiry of pipeline notification, notices were sent specifically regarding the undergrounding itself. He further explained that parking will be available on Artesia when the beautification project is complete but that during construction, parking may not be available or will be limited at times during street reconstruction.

In response to the question of paying for the lawn when the City works on the parkways, Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine indicated that the City of Torrance will replace whatever is dug up during the process.

In response to the inquiry regarding the City of Gardena's part in the Artesia Boulevard beautification project, Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine indicated that additional meetings with the City of Gardena are planned in order to accomplish joint streetscape in costs as well as planning. He further explained that undergrounding and improvements will enhance property values and that problems related to undergrounding have decreased with increased technology.

Acting Transportation Planning Manager Sedadi related that the 37,000 traffic volume on Artesia Boulevard is an average and new counts are being conducted and will be presented to the Council.

City Manager Jackson related that the primary criteria for undergrounding is the partnership with Edison in accomplishing more than one goal during a major rehabilitation project. Mayor Hardison commented that one of the benefits would be to cut the noise level on a residential street.

In response to Councilmember Lee's inquiry as to whether the City will maintain the parkways, City Manager Jackson related that the City will continue to maintain the parkways.

In response to Councilmember Lee's inquiry regarding whether a low-income family would be eligible to apply to the housing improvement program for this project, City Manager Jackson related that it was certainly possible since the Council establishes the guidelines and that staff could explore it and perhaps find alternatives.

Mayor Hardison indicated that meetings would be held with residents of Artesia as the project progresses. Councilmember Walker related that there is no question that Artesia will look better and function better, thus being a source of pride for the community. He further pointed out that the power lines going underground will increase property values.

Mayor Hardison pointed out that Western Avenue belongs to the county, not the City of Torrance. She further explained that this street was mentioned in the petition previously submitted but is not under their jurisdiction. She stated that many north area residents feel their area is not taken care of like other areas so the beautification project will enhance the north area. Mayor Hardison also related that the crime rate has gone

down 25 percent in the City and that the maintenance projects are being taken care of at a faster rate.

MOTION: Councilmember Walker moved to accept the Engineer's Report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING ARTESIA BOULEVARD BETWEEN HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND WESTERN AVENUE AS UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 15 AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF POLES, OVERHEAD WIRES AND ASSOCIATED OVERHEAD STRUCTURES WITHIN THE DESIGNATED AREA AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 77.1.21 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title for Resolution 99-104 and Councilmember Walker moved for its adoption and concurred with staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

15a. Councilmember Cribbs voiced approval for the new Torrance Cultural Arts Center freeway signs.

15b. Mr. Dave Albert, 2055 Lomita Boulevard, welcomed Councilmember Horwich and congratulated Mayor Hardison for being a part of a TV commercial.

15c. Ms. Shirley Turner, 13262 Madrona, announced October events at the Mardona Marsh and encouraged public attendance.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:44 p.m., City Council and Redevelopment Agency adjourned to Tuesday, October 5, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. for an Executive Session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Kris Koga
Recording Secretary